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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaison

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THE 1994 QMB/SLMB STANDARD AND PARENTAL ALLOCATION

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the 1994 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) "standard allocation" and the "parent allocation".

These allocations are based on the annual federal benefit rate (FBR) which is based on the COLA. The Standard Allocation increased from \$218 for 1993 to \$223 for 1994 (the couple FBR minus the individual FBR). The Parent Allocation for 1994 is determined as follows:

1. When there is earned and unearned income or when there is unearned income only:
 - o The parent allocation (if one ineligible parent lives with the child) is \$446 (FBR for an individual); and
 - o The parent allocation (if both ineligible parents live with the child) is \$669 (FBR for a couple).
2. Where there is earned income only:
 - o The parent allocation (when one ineligible parent lives with a child) is \$892 (2 X FBR for an individual); and
 - o The parent allocation (when both ineligible parents live with a child) is \$1338 (2 X FBR for a couple).

The 1994 Medicare Part A premium is \$245 or \$269.50 with the 10 percent penalty for late enrollment. The Part A deductible is \$696. The 1994 Medicare Part B premium is \$41.10. The Part B deductible is \$100.

The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 93) allows for a reduced Medicare Part A premium for an aged individual who is not entitled to free Part A but who has at least 30 quarters of coverage under Social Security. This reduction in the Part A premium is effective January 1994. The reduced premium will be \$184 or \$202.40 with 10 percent penalty.

Please remember to disregard the Title II COLA until the new federal poverty levels are in effect (April 1, 1994).

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Sincerely,

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